

REMARKS

The Patent Office imposed a seven (7) set restriction requirement on pending claims 11-14, 30-44, 48-56, 60-83 and 85-89 and required that the Applicants elect a species from each of the seven sets. In response, the Applicants make the following elections:

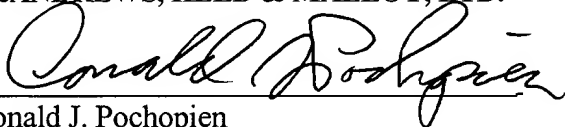
- species set 1: allograft
- species set 2: cortical bone
- species set 3: PLA
- species set 4: mineralized
- species set 5: block
- species set 6: tongue and groove
- species set 7: pin or rod

The Patent Office also requested that the Applicants identify those claims that read upon the elected species. In response, Applicants advise that in their opinion the following claims read on the elected species: claims 11-14, 30-36, 39-44, 48-56, 60-69, 71-72, 74-83, 85-89.

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